

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. RES. 380

Honoring the Detroit Pistons on winning the National Basketball Association
Championship on June 15, 2004.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JUNE 16, 2004

Mr. LEVIN (for himself and Ms. STABENOW) submitted the following
resolution; which was considered and agreed to

RESOLUTION

Honoring the Detroit Pistons on winning the National
Basketball Association Championship on June 15, 2004.

Whereas the Detroit Pistons finished second in the Central
Division of the Eastern Conference and won the National
Basketball Association (NBA) World Championship for
the first time since winning back to back Championships
in 1989 and 1990;

Whereas the Detroit Pistons is the first Eastern Conference
team to win the Championship since 1998;

Whereas the Detroit Pistons by defeating the heavily-favored
Los Angeles Lakers 4 games to 1 showed grit, deter-
mination, discipline, and unity, thereby securing their
third National Basketball Association World Champion-
ship;

Whereas the Detroit Pistons completed an incredible season with strong performances from many key players, including Finals Most Valuable Player Chauncey Billups, two-time Defensive Player of the Year Ben Wallace, a new head coach in Larry Brown and savvy front office executives such as Joe Dumars;

Whereas Detroit Pistons owner Bill Davidson became the first owner to win an NBA and WNBA championship, as well as the Stanley Cup championship, in the span of 12 months;

Whereas President of Basketball Operations Joe Dumars built a cohesive championship team through smart draft choices, key free agent signings and bold trades, including the mid-season acquisition of Rasheed Wallace, a vital part of the Pistons' impenetrable frontline;

Whereas Detroit Pistons Head Coach Larry Brown, the oldest coach to win an NBA Championship, became the first coach to win both an NBA and NCAA championship;

Whereas each member of the Detroit Pistons roster, including Chauncey Billups, Elden Campbell, Tremaine Fowlkes, Darvin Ham, Richard Hamilton, Lindsey Hunter, Mike James, Darko Milicic, Mehmet Okur, Tayshaun Prince, Ben Wallace, Rasheed Wallace, Corliss Williamson, made meaningful contributions to the success of the basketball team and proved once again that the whole can be greater than the sum of its parts;

Whereas Detroit Pistons fans made a meaningful contribution to the success of their basketball team through their energy and passion which was on display throughout the regular season and playoffs at the Palace at Auburn Hills;

Whereas the Detroit Pistons became the first team in NBA Finals history to win games 3, 4, and 5 on their home court since the NBA returned to its current format in 1985;

Whereas in honor of the Detroit Pistons' championship, the Palace of Auburn Hills is officially changing its address to Four Championship Drive; and

Whereas the Detroit Pistons have demonstrated great strength, skill, and perseverance during the 2003–2004 season and have made the entire State of Michigan proud: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

2 (1) congratulates the Detroit Pistons on win-
3 ning the 2004 National Basketball Association
4 Championship and recognizes all the players, coach-
5 es, support staff, and fans who were instrumental in
6 this achievement; and

7 (2) directs the Secretary of the Senate to trans-
8 mit an enrolled copy of this resolution to the Detroit
9 Pistons for appropriate display.

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